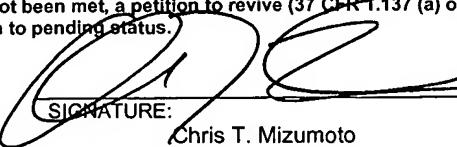


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/004814	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 1 April 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 2 April 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION OIL-IMPREGNATED SINTERED BEARING AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Tsuneo Maruyama et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Drawings (Figs. 1-4; 5A-5C; 6A-6C; 7-11; 12A-12C; 8 sheets)

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Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign applications filed in the following foreign country on the dates indicated:

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Japan	2003-099059	April 2, 2003
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